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In re Application	)	<u>PATENT APPLICATION</u>
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Inventors: Taubman et al.	)	
	)	Art Unit: 2624
Serial No.: 09/531,918	)	
	)	Examiner: Chen W.
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Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD OF	)	
SNR SCALABLE QUAD-TREE	)	
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 11-7-03,  
applicants respectfully request that the above-identified  
application be amended as follows.

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